

# DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if two or more names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## *Fireplace Grate Accessory to Increase Burn Time of Synthetic Log*

the specification for which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, § 1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119, of the following provisional application: United States Provisional Application Serial Number 60/276,014, filed March 15, 2001

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint Michael C. Bartol, Regis. No. 44025, as attorney to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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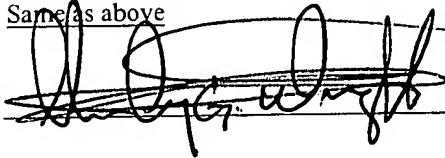
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